

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for selecting a final option comprising at least two destinations, comprising:

displaying a plurality of components received in said client computer, each of said plurality of components having a parameter;

selecting by a ~~client-customer~~ at least one of the plurality of components;

manipulating by the ~~client-customer~~ information for at least one parameter of the at least one selected component;

transmitting by the client computer to a server said manipulated parameter information received from said client for said selected ones of said components;

calculating by the server a plurality of options, each of said plurality of options comprising at least one suboption that corresponds to a value of one of said selected ones of said components, the at least one suboption is selected in accordance with said received manipulated parameter information, each of the at least one suboption represents inventory manipulated by a seller in real-time;

receiving by said client computer from said server the calculated plurality of options;

selecting by the customer at least two suboptions from at least two different received plurality of options;

creating by the client a final option based on said customer selection selecting at least two suboptions from at least two of the received plurality of options and;

requesting by the client customer a reservation of the created final option;

transmitting by the client computer to said server said created final option and the reservation request;

generating by the server a confirmation that the final option is reserved for the client customer in response to the transmitted reservation request; and

transmitting by the server to the client computer the generated confirmation,

wherein the created final option is a customized travel package.

2. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

coupling said client computer to a network via a communications device;

providing said client customer with a single user interface;

viewing by said client customer said at least two destinations via the single user interface;

and

generating by said client computer a single itinerary having a single price from said customer selection of the at least two suboptions via the single user interface.

3. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising said client customer selecting multiple airfares in a sequence of said at least two destinations.

4. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
sorting by the server said calculated plurality of options according to price; and
transmitting by the server to said client computer the plurality of options sorted in a
predetermined order based on the price.

5. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
transmitting by said client computer user-generated payment information to said server in
response to said confirmation; and
receiving by said client computer one of an approval and a denial of said final option in
response to said ~~user~~customer-generated payment information.

6. (currently amended): The method of claim 5, wherein said client computer
transmitting ~~user~~customer-generated payment information comprises said client computer
transmitting to said server at least one of payment account information, billing address, company
name, telephone contact information, and electronic mail address of said customer-client.

7. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
said client computer receiving a customer~~user~~-generated discount code indicative of a
discount criteria of said customer-client;
transmitting said discount code to said server;
generating by the server a discount corresponding to said discount code.

8. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said seller comprises a vendor selling said inventory via said server, and the server updates a datastore storing said inventory by changing availability of said inventory in response to said final option.

9. (original): The method of claim 8, comprising said vendor selling said at least one suboption comprising one of a hotel room, a vehicle rental, an air transportation ticket, a travel tour and a travel service or a product.

10. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein said providing the ~~user~~ customer with the transmitted generated confirmation further comprises said client computer receiving said confirmation from said server for at least one of said seller and a travel agent.

11. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said displaying comprises displaying said plurality of components comprising at least one of lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air transportation accommodations, and reservation options received in said client computer.

12. (currently amended): The method of claim 11, wherein said transmitting to the server said manipulated parameter information received from said ~~user~~ customer for said selected ones of said components comprises transmitting parameter information for at least one of:

said air transportation accommodations comprising at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel times, desired airlines, and desired flight requests;

said surface transportation options comprising at least one of desired vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price, and desired vehicle rental company;

said lodging accommodations comprising at least one of specific room type, hotel classification, hotel chain, and hotel rating; and

said reservation options comprising surface tours, travel insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment, and food products.

13. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

said ~~user~~customer combining at least one first suboption of a first option with at least one second suboption of a second option creating said final option; and

said client computer transmitting said at least one first suboption and said at least one second suboption to said server; and

calculating by the server a price for said created final option based on the transmitted first and second suboptions.

14. - 70. (canceled).

71. (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for generating a customized travel package comprising:

displaying a plurality of components at a client computer, at least some of said plurality of components having a parameter;

selecting by a ~~client~~-user at least one of the displayed plurality of components;

manipulating by the ~~client~~-user information for at least one parameter of the at least one selected component;

receiving by the server from the client computer a first input signal having the selected components and the manipulated at least one parameter;

calculating by the server a plurality of options, each of said plurality of options having a suboption comprising a value corresponding to one of said plurality of components, and said value is generated in accordance with said user-determined value of said parameter;

receiving by the client computer from the server the calculated plurality of options;

selecting by the ~~client~~-user various suboptions from at least two of the plurality of options;

receiving by the server from the client computer the selected various suboptions; and

creating by the server the customized travel package comprising a plurality of destinations corresponding to said components, in an itinerary having a single price; and

receiving the created customized travel package by the client computer from the server for displaying the customized travel package to the user-~~client~~.

72. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising allowing, by a user interface, said user to view said displayed customized travel package, including said components corresponding to said destinations.

73. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, wherein said plurality of options are sorted according to price.

74. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising:

the server receiving a user-generated payment information in response to an information request from the client; and

the server transmitting to the client computer one of an approval and a denial signal in response to said user-generated payment information.

75. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 74, wherein said payment information comprises at least one of payment account information, billing address, company name, telephone contact information, and electronic mail address of said user.

76. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising outputting purchase terms and conditions corresponding to the calculated customized travel package and outputting a confirmation.

77. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising determining a discount code indicative of a user discount.

78. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 77, wherein said discount code is a user-generated location code.

79. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising a third party inputting information comprising one of text information, a location indicator, and rating information for said at least one suboption.

80. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising a third party controlling inventory of said at least one suboption in response to availability of said inventory.

81. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 80, wherein said third party comprises a vendor that controls inventory of said at least one suboption comprising one of a hotel room, a vehicle rental, an air transportation ticket, a travel tour and a travel product/service item.

82. (currently amended): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, further comprising generating a confirmation message by said server and providing the generated confirmation message to at least one of the user-client, a third party, and a travel agent.

83. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 71, wherein said plurality of components comprise at least one of lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air transportation accommodations, and reservation options.

84. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said parameters for said air transportation accommodations comprise at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel times, desired airlines, and desired flight requests.

85. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said parameters for said surface transportation options comprise at least one of desired vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price and desired vehicle rental company.

86. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said lodging accommodations comprise at least one of specific room type, hotel classification, and hotel chain.

87. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method of claim 83, wherein said parameters for said reservation options comprise at least one of surface tours, travel insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment and food products.

88. (previously presented): The client system of claim 83, wherein said customized travel package comprises at least one first suboption of a first option and at least one second suboption of a second option to calculate said customized travel package.

89. (currently amended): A computer-implemented system for selecting a final option, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory;

wherein said processor is configured to execute the following operations:

providing a plurality of parameters, each of said parameters store information;

simultaneously presenting a plurality of components simultaneously presented in

a display of a computer, each of said plurality of components displaying at least one of said plurality of parameters in said display;

~~an information source that provides~~ providing, by an information source, said
information stored in at least one of said plurality of parameters in response to said display;

~~calculating~~ a plurality of options ~~calculated by the computer in response to said~~
information, each of said plurality of options comprising at least one suboption having a
value corresponding to selected ones of said plurality of components, said plurality of
options selected in accordance with said stored information for a plurality of destinations;
and

~~an inventory monitor that classifies~~ ~~classifying by the inventory monitor said at~~
least one suboption as one of available and unavailable, prevents said unavailable
suboption from inclusion in said plurality of options and allows said available suboption
to be included in said plurality of options, wherein said final option is selected from said
plurality of options.

90. (currently amended): The system of claim 89, ~~further comprising wherein the~~
~~processor is configured to further execute an operation of a communicator that allows allowing~~
remote access via a communications device and a user interface that facilitates communication.

91. (currently amended): The system of claim 89, wherein ~~the processor is configured to~~
~~further execute an operation of sorting said plurality of options is sorted by a characteristic of~~
each of said plurality of options.

92. (original): The system of claim 91, wherein said characteristic is a price of each of
said plurality of options.

93. (currently amended): The system of claim 89, ~~further comprising: wherein the~~
~~processor is configured to further execute an operation of receiving payment information~~
~~provided by from a user; and providing one of an approval and a denial of said final option in~~
response to said payment information.

94. (currently amended): The system of claim 93, wherein the processor is configured to
further execute an operation of accepting said payment information comprising at least one of
payment account information, billing address, company name, telephone contact information and
electronic mail address of said user.

95. (currently amended): The system of claim 89, wherein the processor is configured to
further execute operations of further comprising:
displaying to said user for approval purchase terms and conditions displayed to said user
for approval; and
sending a confirmation sent to said user in response to a purchase of said final option.

96. (currently amended): The system of claim 95, ~~further comprising wherein the~~
~~processor is configured to further execute an operation of providing to said a third party a~~
plurality of said confirmations generated during a predetermined interval, wherein said third
party receives said plurality of confirmations on a daily interval.

97. (currently amended): The system of claim 95, wherein the processor is configured to execute an operation of providing to wherein one of said a third party and a travel agent receives said confirmation.

98. (currently amended): The system of claim 96, wherein the processor is configured to execute an operation of providing said confirmation comprises comprising one of a facsimile, electronic mail, pager, voicemail and hard a printed copy as said confirmation.

99. (currently amended): The system of claim 89, wherein the processor is configured to execute an operation of providing further comprising a user-generated discount code indicative of a user discount criteria.

100. (currently amended): The system of claim 99, wherein said user-generated discount code comprising comprises a user location code.

101. (currently amended): The system of claim 89, further comprising wherein a third party that provides said at least one suboption to a user, and confirms and changes available inventory of said at least one suboption in response to said final option selected by a user.

102. (original): The system of claim 101, wherein said third party comprises a vendor selling said at least one suboption that comprises at least one of a hotel room, a vehicle rental, an air transportation ticket, a travel tour and a travel product/service item.

103. (currently amended): The system of claim 89, wherein the processor is configured to execute the operation of simultaneously presenting a plurality of components ~~said plurality of components~~ comprising at least one of lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air transportation accommodations, and reservation options.

104. (original): The system of claim 103, wherein said parameter information for said air transportation accommodations comprises at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel times, desired airlines and desired flight requests.

105. (original): The system of claim 103, wherein said parameter information for said surface transportation options comprises at least one of desired vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price and desired vehicle rental company.

106. (original): The system of claim 103, wherein said parameter information for said lodging accommodations comprises at least one of specific room type, hotel classification, and hotel chain.

107. (original): The system of claim 103, wherein said parameter information for said reservation options comprises at least one of surface tours, travel insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment and food products.

108. (original): The system of claim 89, wherein said final option comprises at least one first suboption selected from a first option and at least one second suboption selected from a second option.

109. (currently amended): The system of claim 89, wherein the memory further comprising a memory device that stores said final option for a prescribed time interval.

110. (currently amended): The system of claim 89, further comprising wherein the processor is configured to further execute an operation of providing to an external reservation system that receives at least one of said plurality of components.

111. (original): The system of claim 110, wherein said plurality of components comprises an airline reservation from said external reservation system.

112. (currently amended): The system of claim 89, wherein the processor is configured to further execute an operation of providing access of the plurality of options to one of said user, a travel agent and a third party accesses said inventory monitor.

113. (currently amended): A server system for generating a customized travel package, comprising:

a processor, and

a memory including software instruction,

wherein the processor is configured to perform operations of the steps of:

displaying a plurality of components, each of said plurality of components having a parameter configured to store information provided by a user; and

receiving information for said parameter of at least one of said plurality of components, said information is provided by the user;

calculating a plurality of options, each of said plurality of options including at least one suboption having a value selected in accordance with said user-provided information and said at least one suboption corresponding to one of said plurality of components;

receiving user selection of a plurality of suboptions from at least two different of ~~said plurality of options;~~

calculating by the processor said final option having a plurality of destinations based on the received user selection, wherein said final option is the customized travel package; and

adjusting, in response to a vendor's request, availability and price of said plurality of options in accordance with inventory levels of said at least one suboption.

114. (currently amended): The server system of claim 113, wherein said server system is coupled to a remote server via a communications device, and further comprises said display is a user interface accessible via a communication network for said displaying.

115. (currently amended): The server system of claim 113, wherein said processor is configured to further execute operations of server system sorts-sorting said plurality of options according to price and displays-displaying said sorted plurality of options to said user, with a single price for each of said options.

116. (currently amended): The server system of claim 113, wherein said processor is configured to further execute operations of sending to said user a confirmation further comprising one of a facsimile, electronic mail, pager, voicemail and a hard-printed copy confirmation, where said confirmation is sent to said user and indicative of a final purchase of said final option.

117. (currently amended): The server system of claim 113, wherein said processor is configured to further execute operations of ~~further comprising:~~

receiving from said user payment information provided from said user to said server system and indicative of a purchase request for said final option;

generating one of approval and a denial of said final option generated by said server system in response to said payment information;

receiving an invoice received in said server system from said a third party, said invoice initiating a transfer of funds from said a client escrow account to said third party.

118. (currently amended): The server system of claim 117, wherein said processor is configured to execute the operations of receiving from said user payment information said payment information step comprising at least one of payment account, billing address, company name, telephone contact information and electronic mail address ~~data received by said server system from said user.~~

119. (currently amended): The server system of claim 113, wherein said processor is configured to further execute an operation of receiving from said user further comprising a discount code received in said server system from said user and indicative of a user discount criteria.

120. (currently amended): The server system of claim 113, wherein said processor is configured to further execute an operation of further comprising said server transmitting to said user interface one of textual information, a location indicator and rating information for said at least one suboption stored in said server system.

121. (currently amended): The server system of claim 113, wherein ~~said a~~ third party comprises a vendor that sells said at least one suboption via said server system.

122. (currently amended): The server system of claim 121, wherein the processor is configured to execute the operation of receiving the user selection of the plurality of suboptions, ~~said where~~ one suboption comprising one of hotel rooms, vehicle rentals, air transportation, travel tours and items.

123. (currently amended): The server system of claim 113, ~~further comprising wherein~~ the processor is configured to execute an operation of transmitting one of the selected suboptions to a respective a third-party central reservation system coupled to said server system ~~and receiving said at least one suboption.~~

124. (currently amended): The server system of claim 123, wherein the processor is configured to execute the operation of transmitting one of the selected suboptions to the respective said third-party external central reservation system components comprising an external airline reservation system.

125. (original): The server system of claim 113, wherein one of said user, a travel agent and said third party accesses a plurality of said final options generated by said server system.

126. (currently amended): The server system of claim 125, wherein the processor is configured to execute an operation of sending a confirmation is sent to one of said third party

and a travel agent, and ~~fixer comprising~~ generating a plurality of said confirmations generated by
said server system during a predetermined time interval.

127. (currently amended): The server system of claim ~~126~~¹²⁵, wherein said
predetermined time interval comprises a daily interval.

128. (currently amended): The server system of claim 113, wherein the processor is
configured to execute the operations of displaying a plurality of components ~~said plurality of~~
~~components comprises~~ comprising lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air
transportation accommodations and reservation options.

129. (original): The server system of claim 128, wherein said parameter for said air
transportation accommodations comprises at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel
times, desired airlines and desired flight requests, wherein:

said parameter for said surface transportation options comprises at least one of desired
vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price and desired vehicle rental company;

said parameter for said lodging accommodations comprises at least one of specific room
type, hotel classification, and hotel chain; and

said parameter for said reservation options comprises at least one of surface tours, travel
insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment and food products.

130. (currently amended): A computer readable medium storing instructions for generating A-a user interface generated by a computer for selecting an option, having a first screen, the instructions for generating the first screen comprise that comprises:

instructions generating a first object comprising at least one field for a user to enter information corresponding to an itinerary;

instructions generating a second object comprising a plurality of components indicative of corresponding travel options, each of said components having at least one parameter that receives parameter information from a user, and each of said travel options having a plurality of sequential destinations; and

instructions generating an activation object that transmits via a communication system said information entered by said user in said first and second objects to a processor that monitors and determines availability of a suboption corresponding to one of said plurality of components, said processor generating a plurality of options in accordance with an inventory level of each of said plurality of components.

131. (currently amended): The computer readable medium of user interface of claim 130, further comprising instructions for wherein said user interface communicates communicating with a remote server via a communications device; and instructions for displaying displays data received from the remote server.

132. (currently amended): The computer readable medium user interface of claim 130, further comprising instructions for wherein said user interface transfers-transferring said parameter information to a server and displays-displaying a final option from said plurality of options, for said plurality of destinations.

133. (currently amended): The computer readable medium user interface of claim 132, wherein said user interface receives further comprising instructions for receiving object information from, and transmits-transmitting user-entered information to, a server.

134. (currently amended): The computer readable medium user interface of claim 130, further comprising instructions generating a second screen for said user interface to display said plurality of options in a sorted order.

135. (currently amended): The computer readable medium user interface of claim 130, further comprising instructions generating a second screen and wherein the instructions for generating the second screen comprisecomprising:

instructions for generating a third object that receives and displays payment information provided by said user to said processor provided by a server in response in a user selection of one of said plurality of options; and

instructions for generating a fourth object that displays one of an approval and a denial said user's selection in response to said payment information.

136. (currently amended): The computer readable medium user interface of claim 135, said instructions for generating the third object ~~comprising~~ comprise instructions for generating at least one field for said payment information comprising payment account information, billing address, company name, telephone contact information and electronic mail address.

137. (currently amended): The computer readable medium user interface of claim 130, wherein said plurality of components in said second object comprises at least one of lodging accommodations, surface transportation options, air transportation accommodations, and reservation options.

138. (currently amended): The computer readable medium user interface of claim 137, wherein said parameter information for said air transportation accommodations comprises a field for at least one of desired travel dates, desired travel times, desired airlines and desired flight requests, wherein:

said parameter information for said surface transportation options comprises a field for at least one of desired vehicle type, desired vehicle rental price and desired vehicle rental company;

said parameter information for said lodging accommodations comprises a field for at least one of specific room type, hotel classification, and hotel chain; and

said parameter information for said reservation options comprises a field for at least one of surface tours, travel insurance, luggage, clothing, video entertainment, audio entertainment and food products.

139. (currently amended): The computer readable medium user interface of claim 130, further comprising instructions generating a second display comprising an object that allows a user to match at least one first suboption from a first selected option with at least one second suboption from a second selected option to generate a third selected option.

140-151 (canceled).

152. (currently amended): A computer system adapted to generate a travel package, comprising:

a processor, and

a memory ~~including software instructions;~~

wherein ~~said software instructions configure the processor~~ is configured to execute the following operations perform the steps of:

displaying at least two travel groups, each group comprising at least two tourism products or services;

receiving client selection comprising a travel group and information input by the client for every desired tourism product or service of the travel group;

generating values for each of the tourism product or service in the selected travel group based on the information input by the client;

displaying the generated values for each of the at least two tourism products or services in the selected travel group;

receiving client selection of a displayed value for each of the at least two tourism products or services of the selected travel group; and

creating a travel package based on the client selection of the displayed values.

153. (previously presented): The computer system according to claim 152, wherein the client selects only one value of the displayed values for at least two of the desired components, and wherein the generated travel package is a customized package based on the user selections.

154. (currently amended): The computer system according to claim 152, wherein said ~~software instructions configure the processor~~ is configured to further perform operations of the steps of:

calculating a final price for the created travel package;

modifying the final price by applying a discount calculated based on residence information of the client; and

displaying the travel package with the modified final price.

155. (currently amended): A computer-readable medium having computer readable instructions which when executed by a computer cause the computer to implement a method for generating a customized travel package comprising:

~~displaying at least two different travel groups, each travel group comprising a plurality of components, said components comprising tourism products;~~

~~receiving a first user selection comprising a travel group from the at least two different travel groups, components where and information input by the user for every component in of the selected at least two components travel group;~~

~~creating travel packages for the selected at least two components travel group based on the information input by the user, each of the travel packages comprising a value for every component of the at least two selected components travel group;~~

~~displaying the generated travel packages;~~

~~receiving a second user selection comprising of selecting at least one component from at least two different travel packages from of the displayed travel packages; and~~

~~generating a customized travel package different from the displayed travel packages,~~

~~wherein the customized travel package is based on the second user selection and comprises components of the different travel packages.~~

156. (previously presented): The computer-readable medium according to claim 155, wherein the components comprise an airline ticket, an available hotel room, and an available rental car.

157. (previously presented): The computer computer-readable medium according to claim 155, wherein the method for generating a customized travel package further comprises calculating a price for the customized travel package.

158. (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for generating a customized travel package, comprising:

displaying by a computer ~~at least two travel groups, each group comprising a combination of a plurality of components, said combination being different from other of the at least two travel groups and~~ said plurality of components comprising air travel, hotel accommodations, and car rental;

receiving by the computer a first client selection comprising at least two of the plurality components ~~and a travel group~~ and information input by the user for every desired component of the travel group;

calculating by the computer travel packages, each of the travel packages comprising a value for each of the selected component components ~~in the selected travel group~~ based on the information input by the user;

displaying by the computer the calculated travel packages;

receiving by the computer a second client selection of components selected from the
displayed travel packages, at least two of the selected components are selected from different
displayed travel packages; and

creating by the computer a customized travel package based on the second client
selection; and

displaying by the computer the created customized travel package,
wherein the customized travel package is different from each of the displayed travel
packages.

159. - 163. (canceled).

164. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method according to claim 1,
further comprising when executing said calculating of the plurality of options, for each of the
plurality of calculated options, checking by the server on-the-fly availability of the inventory
corresponding to a suboption of the option being calculated.

165. (previously presented): The computer-implemented method according to claim 1,
wherein the manipulating comprises inputting a value for said at least one parameter of the at
least one selected component.

166. (canceled).